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### January Cattle Inventory Lowest Since 1930

**All cattle and calves** in Mississippi on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.00 million head, down 7 percent from a year earlier and the lowest inventory of cattle and calves since 1930 when the total inventory was 970,000 head. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 560,000 head, were down 5 percent from the previous year. **Beef cows**, at 536,000 head, were down 5 percent from a year earlier and milk cows, at 24,000 head, declined 8 percent from January 1, 2005. Other cattle and calves by class on January 1, 2006, and the change from the previous year are as follows: **Beef cow replacement heifers**, 89,000 head, down 10 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 11,000 head, down 27 percent; other heifers, 21,000 head, down 42 percent; **steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 51,000 head, down 4 percent, **bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 38,000 head, down 10 percent; and **calves** under 500 pounds, 230,000 head, down 2 percent. The 2005 **calf crop** is estimated at 470,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year.

In the United States, the inventory of cattle and calves totaled 97.1 million head, up 2 percent from the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. **Beef Cows**, at 33.3 million head increased 1 percent, and **Milk Cows**, at 9.06 million head, were 1 percent above the previous year total. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows: **All Heifers** 500 pounds and over - 20.0 million head, up 2 percent; **Beef Replacement Heifers** - 5.90 million head, up 4 percent; **Milk Replacement Heifers** - 4.28 million head, up 4 percent; **Other Heifers** - 9.80 million head, up slightly; **Steers** 500 pounds and over - 16.9 million head, up 3 percent; **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over - 2.26 million head, up 2 percent; and **Calves** under 500 pounds - 15.6 million head, up 2 percent. The 2005 **Calf Crop** was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Farms by Classes,  
Mississippi and United States, January 1, 2005-2006

Class	Mississippi			United States		
	2005	2006	Percent of Previous Year	2005	2006	Percent of Previous Year
1,000 Head						
All Cattle and Calves	1,070	1,000	93	95,438.0	97,101.5	102
All Cows	590	560	95	41,920.4	42,311.4	101
Beef Cows	564	536	95	32,915.4	33,253.0	101
Milk Cows	26	24	92	9,005.0	9,058.4	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and above	150	121	81	19,572.6	19,977.9	102
Beef Cow Replacements	99	89	90	5,690.9	5,904.5	104
Milk Cow Replacements	15	11	73	4,118.3	4,278.0	104
Other	36	21	58	9,763.4	9,795.4	100
Steers 500 Pounds and above	53	51	96	16,475.8	16,923.1	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and above	42	38	90	2,219.3	2,262.8	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	235	230	98	15,249.9	15,626.3	102
Calf Crop Entire Year <sup>1</sup>	490	470	96	37,505.4	37,780.1	101

<sup>1</sup> Previous year.